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WALPOLE WOODWORKERS BUY LAND IN WILMINGTON

Walpole woodworkers, Inc., of Walpole Massachusetts have announced that they are purchasing 3 1/3 acres of land, on Lowell Street, from Herbert C. Barrows, for the purpose of locating a retail store and shop to serve northeastern Massachusetts. The announcement was made Monday afternoon, and was as the firm said, 'As a direct result of the zoning changes made in the last Special Town Meeting.'

The land is located on the east side of Lowell Street, with about 360 foot frontage, starting at a point about 60 feet south of Bay Street, and adjoining the land of the Whitefield Lodge, IOOF.

Plans call for the entire frontage to be pleasingly landscaped with lawn, flowers and shrubbery, in order that the Woodworkers products can be displayed just as they would look in a customer's own yard. The firm hopes to get a temporary building erected this winter, in order that it may be actually doing business at the new site in the coming spring. Later in the year, it is anticipated, a permanent manufacturing building will be constructed. All of the manufacturing and storage incidental for the business will be located well back from the street, and will be largely obscured by the attractive display of screen fencing which the company makes.

Walpole Woodworkers are manufacturers, retailers, and wholesalers of many different types of rustic cedar fencing. They also manufacture and sell outdoor furniture and small prefabricated buildings used chiefly for garden tool houses and other residential utility purposes. The concern is 23 years old and in addition to its main place of business at Walpole it has a branch of its business at East Longmeadow Massachusetts, and two manufacturing plants in Maine, one in Bingham and the other in Detroit. The com-

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LIONS CAN ALSO COOK
Smiles of victory wreath the faces of five Wilmington Lions, after cooking the club's Christmas dinner, last Saturday, in the East Wilmington Betterment hall. L to R Selectman Nicholas De Felice, Frank Hagerty, Chairman of the Board of Health, John Murphy, Lt. George Cushing, Wilmington Fire Department, and Robert Michleson, who seems to be really contented with his efforts.

WILMINGTON'S OFFICIAL POPULATION IS 9408

The official population of Wilmington, as of Jan. 1, 1955, as announced by Secretary of State Edward J. Cronin, last Monday, was 9,408 persons. There were 3608 Registered Voters.

TOWN HALL TO CLOSE AT NOON DEC. 23RD

The Wilmington Town Hall will close at Noon, on Friday Dec. 23rd, for the Christmas Holiday.

CHARLES RIVER LABS BUYS BUILDING AND LAND

Six Acres of land, and the old 'Friend Farm Block Building' have been purchased by the Charles River Breeding Laboratories, Inc., from J. Robert Evans, for an undisclosed sum. The papers were passed on Dec. 8th, for the property which lies on Ballardvale Street.

Dr. Henry Foster, President of the Charles River Co. has stated that the Laboratories will now install a complete air-conditioning system, and starting in the spring will improve the appearance of

the property by having new outside finish installed, and landscaping the grounds.

SCHOOLS CLOSE NOONTIME DEC. 23RD

The Wilmington Public Schools will close for the Christmas Vacation, at noon time, Dec. 23rd, and will resume again on Jan. 3rd, 1956.

GIRL SCOUTS TO SING ON COMMON

Last Tuesday afternoon at the Methodist Church, the Girl Scouts and Brownies, under the direction of Mrs. Kenneth H. Wilson of Suncrest Avenue, rehearsed for their annual Girl Scout 'Sing' to be held this coming Sunday afternoon, December 18th at 4:00 p.m. around the Christmas Tree on the Common. This will be the third year that the girls have participated together in such a program.

All the townspeople are cordially invited to hear the Scouts sing the following traditional Christmas Carols, commencing with 'Joy To The World' and followed by 'It Came Upon The Midnight Clear', 'The First Noel', 'Jingle Bells', 'O Little Town of Bethlehem', 'Hark the Herald Angels Sing', 'O Come, All Ye Faithful', 'White Christmas', 'Away In A Manger', 'Deck the Halls', 'Pray, God Bless' and ending with 'Silent Night'.

ELMER WOLLER ELECTED HEAD OF PLANNING BOARD

Elmer Woller of 31 Main Street was elected Chairman of the Wilmington Planning Board, at their regular meeting on Dec. 6th.

The new chairman takes the seat vacated by the resigning Chairman, John Ritchie. Woller, born in Wisconsin, is 39 years old, and has been a resident of Wilmington since he was discharged from the Army, at the end of World War II. A disabled veteran, he was wounded in the fighting in New Guinea, during the early part of the war.

Mr Woller has served for six years on the Planning Board. A graduate of Franklin Institute, he is an office manager, in Boston, and is married to the former Marion Johns, of Wilmington.

BLOOD MOBILE TO BE AT GREER'S THURSDAY

The Lowell Chapter, American Red Cross Bloodmobile will be at the J. W. Greer plant, on Main Street, on Dec 15th, between the hours of 10:15 am and 4:00 pm. Volunteer donors of blood will be welcomed.

CONGREGATIONAL FLOODLIGHTING DEDICATED TO SERVICE MEN

The new floodlighting system, which illuminates the Congregational Church so that it can be seen for miles, was dedicated, last Sunday afternoon, by the Rev. Stanley Cummings, pastor of the church, in memory of the Service Men of Wilmington. Mr. Cummings in a short address and prayer, before the lights were turned on, for the first time, spoke of the sacrifice that had been made, without reference to color and creed, and hoped that the sight of the church, illuminated at night, would serve as a reminder to those who should pass by.

The new floodlighting system was donated by the Couples Club of the Church, together with two old-fashioned lamps, which are installed on either side of the new entrance. A large Christmas wreath, five feet in diameter, was hung on the door and completed the scene.

Plans have been announced for the planting of shrubbery, around the floodlights, and for the erection of a Wayside Pulpit, near Middlesex Avenue, next summer.

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IPSWICH RIVER DRAINAGE

As most of our townspeople know, there was a bill in the Legislature last year calling for the Commonwealth to appropriate about \$650,000 for the drainage of the Ipswich River in Wilmington, North Reading and Reading. We didn't entertain too much hopes for the passage of this bill. It didn't pass.

One of the troubles was that the Town of Reading water supply was very close to the river, and there were fears that it might be adversely affected. It was a problem that called for more study.

TM Courtney, while in the State House two weeks ago thought it might be wise to check on the current status of the bill. He found that it had 'died', that it was no longer in the agenda for the Legislature. In its place was a bill calling for an appropriation of \$5000 to study the water problems of Reading, as affected by the proposed drainage.

Courtney very promptly had Representative Frank Tanner re-introduce the Ipswich River bill, so that if there is favorable action on the Reading water study there might also be favorable action on the Drainage bill as well.

We don't expect much to happen, but at least it won't be a dead issue.

SIGNS AND SIDEWALKS

We aren't going to mention the place where might possibly have started, other than to say that it was not in Wilmington Square. A merchant on Route 38 has had some trouble recently with regards to a sign near the sidewalk. It was just one of those petty squabbles, one that is ordinarily cleared up with no trouble at all.

The trouble, however, would have seemed to have spread. Several merchants in Wilmington Square have now received Registered Mail letters from the Department of Public Works (State) telling them to get their signs in, from over the sidewalks, within ten days. We saw two such letters last Saturday, and in one case the sign had been there since 1940. In neither case did the sign project over the street - just over the sidewalk. It begins to look as if the local merchants are being made the goats for an imbroglio elsewhere.

It all reminds us of the ancient Greek story about the philosopher who fell into a well, while he was looking at the stars.

For a number of years the Board of Selectmen of Wilmington, and later the Town Managers have been writing to the Department of Public Works about holes in the sidewalks, the location of curbstones, etc., etc., in Wilmington Square. The sidewalks belong to the state, along with the highway. As far as we know, there was never any recognition by the State that the sidewalks

were their problem. The State DPW seems to have just looked carefully in another direction, in regards to holes in the sidewalks.

May we now presume that, having taken the trouble to look up at the signs, they will also take the time to look at the holes too?

NORTH WILMINGTON'S MAIL DELIVERY

Last week we had a little article in this column asking if it would not be possible to have North Wilmington's mail arrive each morning by an earlier train. We pointed out that the patron's mail is much delayed by present schedules.

One of our readers has asked us if we were trying to infer any criticism of the North Wilmington Postoffice employees. He thought it was possible that some other readers might so believe.

Just to set the record clear-- there were no such inferences. The two ladies who serve the public in the North Wilmington Postoffice are fine and outstanding examples of their profession. We have nothing but praise for them.

TROUT AND BOYS

Last year we had a new venture in Wilmington. A section of Lubber's Brook was stocked with trout, and was then reserved for the exclusive use of youngsters under 16 years of age. It was a successful move, one that paid off in fun (and some fish) for our youngsters. Behind it was the Wilmington Boys Fishing Club, the only boys fishing club, we believe, in Massachusetts.

Now we are told that a larger section of the brook is planned for use next spring, by this club. There will be an increased number of fish planted, and there should be still more fun for our youngsters.

Which, we think, is good news.

FIRE ALARMS

There is an old story about a person who reports a fire to the Fire Department by telephone, and then hangs up without revealing the location. This, we assure you, has happened in Wilmington.

A few weeks ago the Wilmington Fire Alarm system was practically doubled in size, as far as call boxes go. An additional Alarm Box was installed in front of the High School. The work was done by the Wilmington Department, with an assist from the Reading Department, headed by Hugh Eames, a member of an old Wilmington family.

The box cost \$107. Materials cost a little more. The labor, in one sense of the word, was free. The net result was a greater protection for the most valuable building owned by the town.

This is just the beginning, for plans have been made to extend the Fire Alarm system to every school in town. Such an extension might possibly become the nucleus of a town wide Fire Alarm system.

ST. THOMAS CHURCH

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Sunday Masses 7:00, 8:00, 9:30, 10:30 and 11:30. Week-day Masses at 7:00 & 7:30 am. Holy Day Masses at 6:00, 7:00, 8:00, and 9:00 am.

Baptisms are administered at the Rectory each Sunday at 2 pm. No appointment is necessary.

PLEDGE OF THE LEGION OF DECENCY

In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost. Amen. I condemn indecent and immoral motion pictures, and those which glorify crime or criminals.

I promise to do all that I can to strengthen public opinion against the production of indecent and immoral films, and to unite with all those who protest against them.

I acknowledge my obligation to form a right conscience about pictures that are dangerous to my moral life. As a member of the Legion of Decency, I pledge myself to remain away from them. I promise further, to stay away altogether from places of amusement which show them as a matter of policy.

Ember Days: Ember Days this week are Friday and Saturday. One full meal is allowed, and meat once.

Parking: The Wilmington Grange Hall Corporation has extended to us the courtesy of using their driveway as an exit from our Church parking lot on days of service only. At other times a chain will be placed across the entrance of their property. We wish to publicly

thank them for this concession. It typifies their true community spirit.

Regarding parking at Villanova Hall - during large gatherings, please do not park on the Rectory side. When parking in the large field, kindly park off the gravelled road bed. We shall thus avoid traffic snafus, especially when leaving.

Gratitude: To all those who helped the CDA in their recent Christmas Basket Whist - the committee, the prize and cake donors and patrons.

To all who contributed to the Thanksgiving Week Cleaning drive. Twenty two cartons were shipped into Boston through the kindness of Mr. DePelice.

Coming: The Children's Christmas Party - next Sunday afternoon.

The Masses at Christmas will be a Midnight Mass and the others the same hour as on Sundays.

Next Sunday is Communion Day for the girls of the parish. It is also our Third Sunday Building Fund Collection day.

Remember in your prayers Joachim Correia, for whom a 4th Anniversary High Mass was held yesterday at 7:30 am, and Margaret Markey for whom there will be a 4th Anniversary High Mass on Saturday at 8:00 am, and our sick and deceased parishioners.

ANDY PUPA IN POOR CONDITION

Andrew Pupa, High School Senior, and President of the Student Council, is reported to be in poor condition, in the Massachusetts General Hospital, where he has been a patient for the past two weeks.

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THE SELECTMEN'S MEETING

The Board of Selectmen, now working on their 1956 budget went into Executive Meeting at 10 pm Monday to consider their financial problems. Before the Executive Meeting the Board spent nearly an hour with members of the Shawsheen Avenue Improvement Association, considering some of the members' personal problems.

One of the men, who had an application for a Junk License tabled a week ago, by the Selectmen, pending investigation by the Building Inspector, appeared for a personal hearing. He was told that the Selectmen were not happy about his operations, but that his license had not been denied, as had been reported elsewhere. It had merely been tabled for study, and was still good until Dec. 31st.

The applicant and other members of the association told the Selectmen that he had tried to purchase land elsewhere, land that was properly zoned. 'Something always seemed to happen' the Selectmen were told. Real estate dealers would lose interest for some unknown reason. They felt that the applicant was showing good faith, and added that they were appearing only as good neighbors.

Selectman Nicholas De Felice thought that it was a little ridiculous that real estate dealers should willingly forego a commission, and Selectman E. Hayward Bliss suggested that the applicant should go to the Board of Appeals for a temporary permit to continue business in his present location, until a suitable place could be purchased in the spring. This suggestion met the approval of all.

The second part of the discussion with the Shawsheen Avenue group concerned two small buildings which were variously termed 'shacks', 'unfinished sheds', and other terms, by the group. It was reported to the Selectmen that these places were being used as homes, and that they were unsuitable as such. The Selectmen were told that the places had been erected since 1943, that there had been various renewals of building permits by the Building Inspector, and that one of the buildings had been advertised in a 'Tax Sale', presumably in 1952 as an 'unfinished shed'.

One of the group objected strongly to these places, saying that he didn't want to spend more thousands of dollars on his home with the two buildings being near. He stated that he had called on the Police and the Sanitarian, but that nothing at all had happened. He hinted that there might be collusion on the part of some town employees.

TM Courtney took exception to this, saying that he believed there was no collusion, but if any existed he wanted to get at the bottom of it, and if any proof existed he wanted to know it.

The group were told that the new Minimum Standards of Housing, passed by the Board of Health, went into effect on Dec. 12th, and that the Town Sanitarian would be sent to investi-

gate the allegations.

The Shawsheen Avenue group also presented the Selectmen with signed releases for every lot on Fairmeadow Road with one exception, saying that they were still trying to locate the owner of that land. The releases are required by the Selectmen before a street can be considered for acceptance by them.

Other Business

A letter was received from the Chief of Police, concerning the request of some ladies to have Adelaide Street closed to traffic, because of its proximity to the Walker School. Mr. Lynch pointed out in his letter that the present Traffic Rules date from 1939, and he considers them considerably antiquated, and unable to cope with this situation--'to amend would be in poor taste'. He suggested a temporary set-up in which signs would be placed on Adelaide Street on both ends, cautioning motorists to go slow, and further suggested that a traffic supervisor could be near the school, on duty, from 8 to 9 a.m. and from 3 to 4 p.m.

Suncrest Avenue

Selectman Nicholas DeFelice moved, after having had a note from the Town Accountant, to rescind his previous vote for a transfer of funds for a water main on Suncrest Avenue, and this was voted. The previous vote for a transfer, by the Selectmen, had been made on his motion, and was now superfluous, because the Town had subsequently appropriated the money in a Special Town Meeting.

Transportation

On motion of Joseph Woods, a 35 cent daily allowance for transportation of a Wilmington student, to the Essex Agricultural College was increased to 75 cents, because of the distance involved. A letter had been received from the Superintendent of Schools, certifying to the good marks of the student.

Selectman Charles Black did not vote, and remarked after the vote that he believed that some of the transportation cases were 'badly abused'. He pointed out that the law says that the Selectmen 'may' allow transportation, and does not say that they 'shall' allow it.

License

The 2nd Class Garage License of Adam Kozlowski, 127 Main Street was renewed.

Letter

A letter was received from the Billerica Publishing Company. Its contents were not made public, and it was turned over to the Town Counsel.

TM'S Report

TM Courtney told the Board that he would not submit any more written reports to the Board until such a time as he had finished working with the 1956 Budget.

He told the Board that the work on Corcoran Road was to be put over until 1956, because the Town Engineer would not have time to study the problems now. The Town Engineer has been told that his number one objective is the Highway Budget for next year, and his second objective is the streets which

are to be listed for acceptance in the 1956 Town Meeting.

MRS. PHILLIS WOODSIDE DIES IN READING

Mrs. Phillis (Blaisdell) Woodside, well-known in church and civic circles in Reading and wife of A. Clifford Woodside, president of the Lowell Mutual Fire Insurance Company, died Thursday, December 8th, at the Baker Memorial Hospital in Boston at 48 years of age, after a lengthy illness.

The daughter of the late Mr. Charles V. and Arrabella K. (Closson) Blaisdell of Wilmington, she resided at 767 Main Street, Reading. She was a past Worthy Matron of Priscilla Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star; Vice president of the Women's Society of Christian Service of the Methodist Church in Reading, was active in PTA and Scouting activities and at one time was a den mother for the Cub Scouts. Her hobby was horticulture.

In addition to her husband Mrs. Woodside is survived by two sons, A. Clifford Woodside, 111 and Kenneth A. Woodside both of Reading; her mother, Arrabella K. Blaisdell of Wilmington; three brothers, Augustus V. Blaisdell of Wilmington; Elliott B. Blaisdell of Tewksbury and Closson K. Blaisdell of Cambridge, Vt.

three sisters, Mrs. Sarah Blaisdell of Wilmington, Mrs. Jesse Herculson of West Medford and Mrs. Barbara Boisvert of Wilmington, and several nieces and nephews.

JUDGEMENT AGAINST TOWN IN LAWSUIT

A judgement of \$44.36 against the Town of Wilmington has been decreed by Judge William F. Henchey, of Woburn Court, in a lawsuit over a hole in the road on Boutwell Street. The judgement was handed down last week, one week after the case had been heard.

James Pipes, of the Bell Dairy, was the winner. He was represented by McDuffe and McDuffe, Attorneys of Wakefield. Atty Alan Altman represented Wilmington.

Warren Dawe, a milk delivery man for the Bell Dairy testified that his truck had driven into a trench, on Boutwell Street, near the McSheffrey home, on June 22nd last. The trench had been dug the night previously, by the Wilmington Water Department and had been filled in and tamped, according to testimony of Eater Department employees, but a heavy rain during the night had caused the ground to settle. Water Department employees pulled the truck from the ditch, about 8:30 next morning. Water Department employees testified that the trench had been adequately safeguarded by signs, while Dawes told the court that if it had not been his truck it would have been a school bus, following him that would have gone in to the ditch.

Pipes was awarded \$42.61 damages and \$1.75 costs.

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FRANK HAYNES GETS BACK
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CAFETERIA MENUS
WEEK OF DEC. 19TH

Frank Haynes, 224 Chestnut Street, was very pleasantly suprised last Thursday evening, when the Woburn Police Department returned to him a wallet containing \$48.00.

The wallet had been discovered earlier in the day, on Main Street, in Woburn by nine year old Peter Ricchardi, of 11 Eastern Avenue Woburn. Young Richardi turned the wallet over to Sgt. Edward F. Reil, of the Woburn Police, who made identification of the owner & Ice Cream, Milk.

through cards in the wallet. FRIDAY: No School.

MONDAY: American Chop Suey Buttered Wax Beans, Cheese Pieces, Bread & Butter, Stewed Apricots, Milk.

TUESDAY: Baked Luncheon Loaf Parsley Potatoes, Buttered Carrots, Bread & Butter, Jello, Milk.

WEDNESDAY: Barbecued Beef on Roll, Potato Chips, Buttered Whole Kernel Corn, Frosted Silver Cake, Milk.

THURSDAY: Chicken Pie, Mashed Potatoes, Buttered Peas, Celery Sticks, Bread & Butter, Christmas Cookies

HAVE YOU CONTRIBUTED TO THE LIGHTING FUND?

TOWN NOTES

Weather

The best kind of winter weather--cold but with no snow. Skating has been prevalent all over town--Silver Lake froze last Thursday and by Saturday it was a mecca for skaters. We were interested to note that the Rotary Park skating rink was one of the last places in Wilmington to freeze over, to a point of safety. Evidently the peat which surrounds the rink retains heat longer than other kinds of soil.

So far in December we have had rainfall on only three days, the 2nd, 3rd and 4th. There was 1 1/4 inches of snow on the second (.12 inches rain). .32 inches of rain and snow on the 3rd and .40 inches rain on the 4th.

Our rognistication of a cold winter, made with the aid of the muskrats of Wilmington (large houses this year) has been noticed by Bill Widger of Fairview Avenue. Bill is a professional meteorologist--that's the kind of fellow who is paid to make bum guesses about the weather. Bill says that he has a professor friend, in MIT who agrees with our muskrats. The professor says that February is going to be one of the coldest we have ever experienced.

Bon Mot

Doc Chernoff is the kind of fellow who never lets any one forget the bus mess he is in. Last week Doc noticed the sign in Durkee's Barber Shop, which says 'We need your head in our Business'.

To which Doc muttered 'And if you can't see that sign you need to see me'.

Buses

We noted here last week that Sgt. Imbimbo was to be seen near the High School, at the end of the schoolday supervising traffic while while buses were loading. We were very glad to be able to report it. Now we are told that the morning congestion is still the same. One of our residents missed his morning train to Boston, after having to wait for buses in front of the High School.

No. Wilmington P.O.

The partition between the patrons and the Postal Employees, in the North Wilmington Postoffice, has been moved, about 10 feet nearer the front door. The space was not needed by the patrons, and it was by the employees. Besides, the heating arrangements should be improved by the move. The employees used to feel quite cold, while working, and now the heat has a chance to circulate.

Dutch Elm

The Tree Department, we understand, has a number of elm trees marked for cutting this winter--more Dutch Elm disease. The disease continues to spread throughout the town.

Two of the trees which must come down are located

in the town property just before the congregational Church. They are probably the only trees of that size in town to which a person can point and give the exact date of planting. They were planted on July 4, 1876, by the Farmers and Mechanics Society of Wilmington. Four trees, all told, were planted on that day, but only two survived and now they must come down. The Farmers and Mechanics Society was quite an organization in its day, one that eventually gave way to the Wilmington Grange. Some of the old timers in town have some of the crockery that was made for this society. We understand that Stanley Webber (he of the Finance Committee) has some of the old dishes, and there are others in the Bedell family. We have yet to see the first one, for ourselves.

Christmas Decorations

Once upon a time we had an idea about writing an article comparing Wilmington to a mule - a place without pride and without a future. We must confess that such thoughts have long since left us, and, if we had left us, and, if we had any lingering thoughts they were dispelled by the events of the two past weeks.

The merchants and people of Wilmington have come through handsomely, this year, in decorating the town for the Christmas Holiday. Only people who have real pride in their town could do as well.

As usual the people around Silver Lake are making that place shine in the glory of multi-colored lights. The lake ice is now something to behold, as it reflects the homes and other places nearby.

Wilmington Square is a different place by night this year. The merchants have a real accomplishment of which to boast with private individuals paying most of the bill, and the Town helping too.

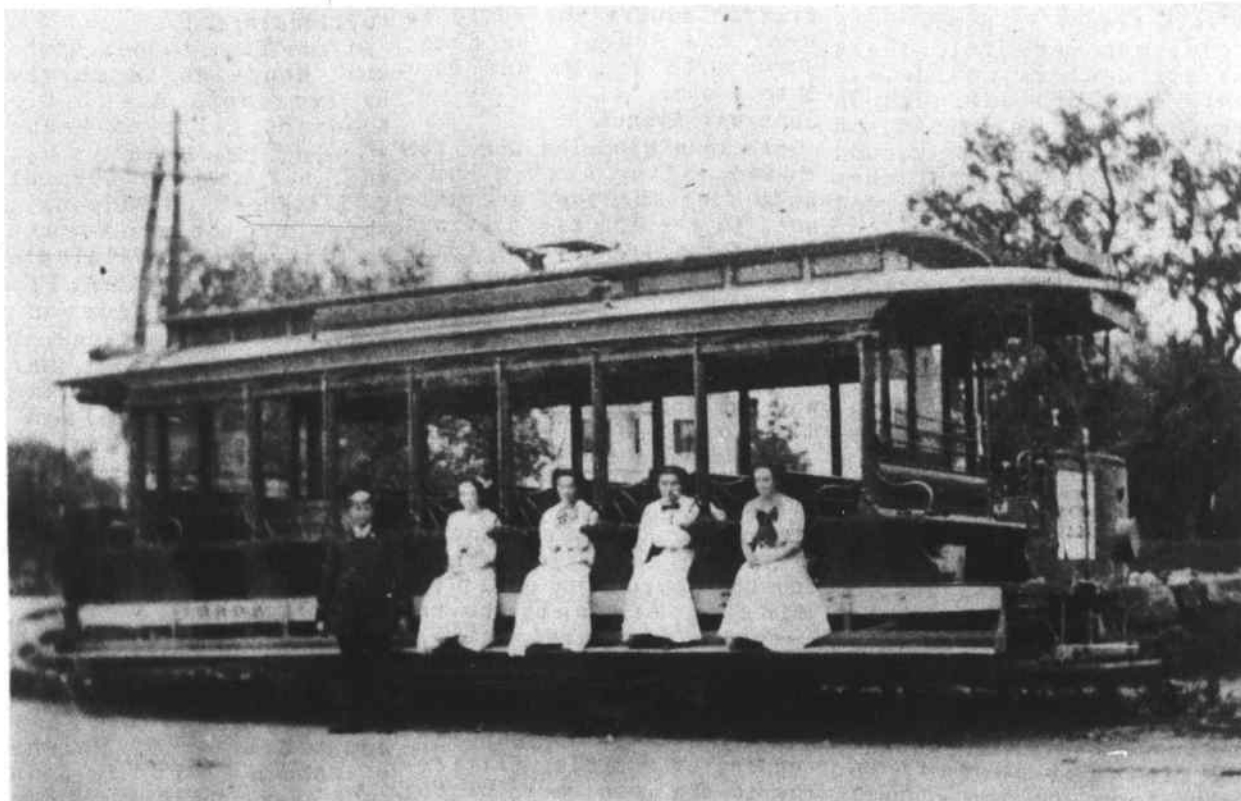
Strung across the street, this year, are a number of strings of colored lights. The Square is now a thing of beauty by night. During the day, too, it is much improved. The Wilmington Center Pharmacy again has their Reindeer and Santa Claus overlooking the hill, and Jack Riley, who operates his own store now, had done himself proud. The store has recently been painted red, but it is the windows of which we speak. We think he has a very fine display, well worth a second glance.

We cannot finish this discussion without a word of praise for one of the persons behind the movement to have our Square suitably decorated. The lady is Mrs. Frank Griffin, of the Church Street Hardware. She is a dynamo of energy.

Santa is to be seen, too, a little further down the street. He is in front of Weinberg's Store every afternoon, about 3 pm.

Signs

We are reminded that the new Zoning Laws prohibit signs, by the remark of one of the members of the Planning Board. He had noticed the sign our Mother had had erected 'Swedish Gift Shop'



PICTURES OF YESTER-YEAR

Photographs of the 'Good Old Days' in Wilmington, before World War I, when street cars ran from Perry's Corner to Wilmington Square, via Wildwood Street and Church Street. The four young Misses are Katie Murray, Bessie McMahon, Rose McMahon and Alice McMahon. No one seems to remember the name of the Conductor. Background, upper picture is the old Swain-Gowing House at Perry's Corner. (Loaned to the Town Crier by the Superintendent of the Water Department, Edmund Sargent).

on Glen Road. He told us it couldn't stay there because it hadn't been there before. This was our turn to chuckle, because that sign has been there for years. A motorist knocked it down some time ago, and it has just been replaced (but before the Town Meeting that voted the new Zoning Laws)

Suncrest Avenue

We like to follow the Water Department and the Highway Department around, while they are committing their excavations upon the town. It gives us a chance to see what kind of rocks we have where.

There is, for instance, a kind of rock known as schist which is quite prevalent in Lowell, and is the basic reason for the waterfalls plant. Now they have just installed the new water main

The only place on Suncrest Avenue, for a distance of 550 feet. There too, was an extensive bed of schist--practically the entire distance of the schist, and the entire distance of the schist, and granite are all cut there, in what is (and was) a contractor's nightmare. We once found a piece of schist, all by itself (a 20 or 30 ton piece) in the Sig-nore Development, but that was something that the glacier had brought.

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Mrs. Eva Elfman, upper left, is sure she played the wrong card, while Mrs. Marion Murphy, upper right, is just as sure she played the right one. The pictures at the left are taken at the St. Dorothy's Hall last Friday. Those on the right were from Villanova Hall, last Thursday.

CONGREGATIONAL CANDLE LIGHTING SERVICE NEXT SUNDAY

One of the central features of the Christmas observance at the Congregational Church is the Candlelighting Service. This year the fifth annual observance will take place next Sunday afternoon, Dec. 18th, at 5:00 p.m., and the people of the parish and their friends are cordially invited.

The organ music, presented by Prof. Kenneth Kelley, is taken from Handel's 'Messiah'. The service opens with the lighting of the church Christmas candle by Betsy Ramsdell, in angel costume. This is followed by carols by the Junior and Senior choirs.

The candlelighting service proper is a Christmas pantomime, high-lighted with special electrical effects, showing the manger scene, shepherds and Wise Men. The action proceeds to the accompaniment of carols and hymns by the two choirs, as the story is read by the minister. This year the parts will be taken as follows: Mary and Joseph, Nancy Andersen and Malcolm

Jones; Shepherds, Ernest Woodside, Robert Sweet, and Thomas Craig; Wise Men, Donald Weatherbee, Charles Rounds, and Fred Thorpe.

Toward the close of the service all lights in the church are extinguished. The minister takes a light from the church candle and communicates it to the deacons, who in turn pass it on to all members of the congregation, who have been provided with individual candles. The group then passes in front of the manger, and all leave the church and attempt to bear the lighted candles to their homes.

DAV CHRISTMAS PARTY SUNDAY

The annual Christmas Party for the children of members of the D.A.V. Chapter and its auxiliary will be held at the Clubhouse on Sunday, Dec. 18th, at 2:30 p.m.

The age limit is 12 years. Members are asked to please sign card for ticket requests and return to the committee as soon as possible. This is imperative! Santa Claus and his helpers will be on hand to greet all children and will pass out toys, ice cream and candy to all the 'small fry'.



TROOP 57 WILMINGTON BOY SCOUTS GETS A NEW HOME

Boy Scouts of Troop 57 stand ready for inspection in the West Wilmington Community Clubhouse, on Forest Street, at their meeting last Friday. Since moving to the new headquarters the Troop has increased membership by one third.

TOWN OF WILMINGTON



BOARD OF APPEALS

The Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing in the Town Hall, on Tuesday, Dec. 20, 1955, at 8 p.m., on the request of C. W. Cantrell, of 10 Andover Street, for the right to remove out of town a pile of loam located at the rear of his land.

Walter L. Hale, Jr., Sec
Wilmington Board of
Appeals.

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WATER EXTENSION COMMITTEE

Notice is hereby given that the Water Extension Committee of the Town of Wilmington will accept applications for extensions of Water Mains until Noon Dec. 30, 1955. Applications should be left with the Town Manager's Secretary, in the Town Hall.

Larz Neilson, Chmn.
Water Extension Com.

LIONS CLUBS TO SPEND \$50,000 YEARLY IN EYE RESEARCH IN MASSACHUSETTS

Action has been taken by the Lions International to spend \$50,000 in Massachusetts, annually, in aid of eye research. Eye research Laboratories are to be set up in Tufts and Harvard Universities, and the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary, in a program to be supported by Lions Clubs all over the world.

Elton L. MacNeil, International Councilor of the Lions Clubs, and a member of the Peabody Lions Club revealed the story last Wednesday, in the Wilmington Club's meeting at the East Wilmington Hall. MacNeil was the first District Governor of Lions' District 33N and has been the Chairman of the Massachusetts Board of Governors. He is at the present time the Chairman of the Massachusetts Eye Research Fund. His presentation in the Wilmington Club with the aid of films brought out that:

Babies born blind each year 2500.

About \$150,000,000 is spent on research each year, but less than \$500,000 is spent on research concerning blindness.

There are less than 50 full time eye research men in the world.

Research in blindness is falling far behind research in other fields.

The causes, prevention, and the cure is still unknown.

There are 600,000 people with eye tumors.

There are 250,000 partially blind people, and

During last year, 22,000 people became totally blind.

After the above facts had become known, MacNeil explained what has been done, what is being done, and what will be done to brighten the morbid picture brought about by the facts of the film. The important points are:

The purposes of the Lions Clubs are to aid the Blind. The first Club that assumed the responsibility of help-int was the Chicago Club in 1917.

The first project undertaken by the Massachusetts Clubs involved Baby Blindness. Because of Dr. E. B. Dunphy, Head of the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary, and Eye Research Fellowship has been realized. A \$5000 grant is awarded each year to a qualifying anthropologist. The Fellowship Committee consists of Dr. William Stone, Dr. Schapens, and Dr. David Cogan.

As of this year, \$100,000. has been spent on Eye Research in Massachusetts.

Dr. Elliot Joslyn is in charge of research involving Diabetes. It has been found that Diabetic people become blind eventually. Dr. Joslyn received a grant from the Lions Clubs last year and he is continuing his research on Diabetes with the assistance of Dr. Getzel from Denmark.

Action has taken place in Massachusetts to establish Eye Research Laboratories. Tufts, Harvard, and the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary have offered quarters for setting up such laboratories. This program will cost the Lions Clubs \$50,000 a year.

Mr. MacNeil continued his presentation by making known some of the results of research.

Too much oxygen was being given to incubator babies and such a condition produced Baby Blindness. As a result, the amount of oxygen given has been lowered. At one time, due to the above lack of knowledge, 3 out of 5 babies became blind, but today only 1 out of 5 becomes blind.

Dr. William Stone has experimented on a plastic cornea with the use of animals and has found it to be very successful. He has planned to go to India with his staff to experiment with the large number of people who have scarred corneas. He is very confident of the fact that he will be very successful. The success of such an experiment means that many people who are now blind should be able to see again.

HUB CAPS STOLEN

4 Chrome hub caps, valued at \$22.25 and 2 rear fender skirts valued at \$20.95 were stolen from a Ford, property of Melvin Southmayd, 86 Lowell Street, during the night of Dec. 12-13. The car had been parked in Southmayd's garage. An emblem, on the trunk, was also damaged.

THE NEW ARMY RESERVE

Capt. John H. Tautges, Oakdale Road, North Wilmington Communications Officer and Recruiting Officer of the 331st Engineer Aviation Group, Greater Boston, urges young men of Wilmington to take advantage of the opportunities offered them under the new Reserve Force Act.

Capt. Tautges' unit is now accepting enlistments from men 17 to 18½ years of age, for the new six months training program. Those who have not finished High School may be deferred until they have finished school, and in the meantime attend drills with pay, once a week.

Under this program, the men join the 331st Engineer Aviation Group, which is stationed at the Boston Army Base, then leave for six months training at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. Upon completion of this training the men return to their homes and satisfy the military obligations now required of all American men, by reserve service with the 331st Engineers, right at home, with pay. In this way they continue their civilian careers with the least possible interruption.

During the six months at Fort Wood, the men will receive full pay and training to equip them for survival under the new conditions of global war. Additionally, each man will be trained in a specialty. Some of the choices are leadership, crane and power shovel operation, surveying, radio and communications, and bulldozer operation.

Those men who elect to wait to be drafted must serve a full two years away from home, and then be assigned to a Reserve unit for four years. The advantages of getting in on the ground floor of the new three million man Army Reserve cannot be over emphasized.

Those young men, or their parents, who are interested in starting their military training now should contact Capt. Tautges at Ol 8-3056 or M/Sgt Bailey at Liberty 2-6000, extens bn 561.

BACK FOR A VISIT

Mrs. Herbert Fielding and her young son, Stanley John, who was born last August 24th, are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Webber at 668 Main Street. Mrs. Fielding arrived with her husband and son in time to celebrate Thanksgiving, but Mr. Fielding returned to work for his employers, the Eastman Kodak Company, where he works in the Color Technology Building in Rochester, New York. Next week he will return to Wilmington for a portion of his vacation.

The Fieldings have been living on Lake Avenue in Hilton, New York, but on their return are planning to move to Webster, New York where a former Wilmington man, Mr. Duane Grant, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel L. Grant of Allston Road, Wilmington, and his wife have their residence, also.

BUILDING PERMITS MONTH OF NOVEMBER

F.A. Smith, Concord Street Garage, \$300.00
George F. Johnson, Lot 126 Chase St., Garage, \$800.00
Kenneth Lyons, Andover St., Alteration, Garage \$300.00
Charles Quinton, 27 Fairmeadow, Dwelling, \$12,000.00
Middlesex County Bank, Main St. Bank Bldg., \$50,000.00
Tandy Geddings, 19 Swain Road, Garage, \$300.00
Alta Lyons, 6 Fairmeadow Rd., Dwelling, \$10,000.00
Vito Pricopis, 245 Lowell St., Alt Dwelling, \$250.00
Helen Gammons, 128 West St., Garage, \$350.00
Harold F. Dey, 190 Main St., Alt. to Building, \$50.00
Howard E. Britt, 874 Main St., Barn \$800.00
C. R. Whiteway, Lot 11 Park St., Dwelling, \$10,000.00
Frank Enos, 227 Shawshaven Ave., Dwelling, \$12,500.00
McManus Bro., 188 Main St., Sign, \$100.00
A. P. Rounds, Lot 80 Gunderson, Rd. Dwelling \$10,500.00
Charles River Breeding, Ballardvale St. Equipment Shed \$2000.00
Thomas Gardner 725 Woburn Street, Garage, \$500.00
Sadie Griffith, Durnan Ave., Dwelling, \$10,000.00
Sadie Griffith, Kurnan Ave., Dwelling, \$10,000.00
Michail Bodner, 723 Woburn St., Garage, \$500.00
George Vokey, Lot 5 Oakdale Rd., Dwelling, \$11,500.00
New England Building, Lot 35 Fairmeadow, Dwelling \$10,500.00
Percy Moors, Lot 28, Park Street, Dwelling \$10,000.00
Basil Weatherbee, Lot 98 Middlesex Ave., Dwelling, \$10,500.00
Willard Swan, Lot 33 Oakdale Rd., Dwelling \$12,000.00
Wm. Butt, Lot 7, Woburn St., Dwelling, \$10,500.00
Wm. Butt, Lot 8, Concord St., Dwelling, \$10,500.00
Total Building, Oct. 31, 1955 \$2,270,800.00
Total Month of November \$206,750.00
Total to Nov. 30th \$2,477,550.00

STEPHEN J. GORSKI

Stephen Joseph Gorski, 96 Nichols Street, formerly of Malden died suddenly last Saturday morning. Fifty six years old, he has lived in Wilmington only one year and came to the States from Poland when a child.

The funeral was held at the McMahon Funeral Home on Middlesex Avenue at 9:00 last Tuesday morning followed by a Solemn High Mass of Requiem at Saint Thomas Church at 10:00 a.m. with the Celebrant of the Mass being Father Leahy, the Deacon, Father Reagan and the Sub-Deacon Father Kelly. Burial was in Wildwood Cemetery.

Mr. Gorski is survived by his wife, Mabel E. (Fournier) and four children; Mrs. Helen Sampson of Malden, and Stanley, Shirley and Donald, all of Wilmington. Also by four brothers; John and Leon of Exeter, New Hampshire; and Michael of Amesbury and Stanley of Lowell and three sisters; Mrs. Helen Noury of Haverhill, Mrs. Victoria Reanard of Exeter and Mrs. Jennie Fildson of Exeter.

METHODISTS PLAN SPECIAL MEETING TO VOTE PRELIMINARY DRAWINGS FOR NEW CHURCH

All members and friends of the Wilmington Methodist Church and interested persons in the community are invited to attend a special meeting on Monday evening, December 1 at 8 pm to hear the presentation of the proposed plans for the new church building.

Arland Dirlam, architect for the local church, will be present to show slides of the plans, with special attention to be given to the chancel of the new church.

The plans are to include a downstairs with stage, fellowship hall, kitchen, rest rooms, and boiler room facilities; the first floor with the nave, chancel, altar; and plans for temporary office space. Pictures of the proposed sketch of how the building will look from the outside will also be shown.

Hope has been expressed by the Rev. Harding that the church will be filled on that evening in order that every person interested may have opportunity to see the plans and ask any questions they may have at that time. Refreshments are to be served following the meeting.

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SCOUT NEWS

Troop 57

Troop 57, Boy Scouts of America, since it has moved to the West Wilmington Association has had a considerable increase in membership. When it moved, in September, there were 29 Scouts and 4 Committeemen. Nine Scouts had to drop because of the lack of transportation, but 18 joined, together with two Committeemen. The Troop now operates regularly with 27 Scouts, and meets every Friday. It still needs an Assistant Scoutmaster.

Within the past two months the Troop has made 3 camping trips to Camp Forty Acres, with an average of 10 boys on each trip. It has made two trips to the Wal. Lex Bowling Alleys, taking 11 Scouts the first trip and 21 the second. Transportation was provided by Scout Leaders Mrs. Thomas Rosselli and Richard Harrington.

A Court of Honor was held on November 4th, conducted by Thomas Roselli, David Townley and Joseph, all of whom are members of the Green Bar Council, and the Order of the Arrow. Inducted as Tenderfoot Scouts were: Charles Coste, Dennis DeLucia, Thomas Donahue, Richard McCauly, Richard McDonald, James Pilcher, John Steeves, William Westcott and Derrick McLean.

District Commissioner Foster Balsar was a guest at the Court of Honor held on Dec. 2nd. Prior to the Court Mr. Balsar showed movies of Camp Wah-Tut-Cah-the Greater Lowell Scout Camp. The Court of Honor was conducted by Scouts Thomas Rosselli, David Townley and Joseph Lynch, all of whom were in Indian Costume. Advance to Second Class Scout were John Steeves, Derrick McLean, William Westcott, Thomas Donahue, Charles Coste, James Pilcher, Joseph Colbert and Richard McDonald.

Xmas Party For Pack 56

This coming Saturday night, beginning at 7:00 p.m. at the Swain School Cub Pack 56 with Mr. Arthur Zaino, cub master, will have a gala Christmas Party with the Brownies of the North Wilmington area as invited guests. Santa Claus will be there and the Scouts will exchange gifts and sing the traditional carols around the Christmas Tree. Refreshments and cookies will be on sale and candy will be given to all the youngsters. There will be movies shown for all to enjoy.

Troop 59

The newly formed Troop 59 met at the home of Richard Miller, 22 Hathaway Road, Monday evening, under the direction of Scoutmaster Bill Stoebel and Assistant Scoutmaster Bud Platt. Present were Jay Blackburn, Walter Smith, Kenneth Alley, Richard Alley, William Crane, Chas McInnis, Robert Blackburn, Daniel Gouvea, Dixon Knight, Ronald Knight, Daniel Moe-

gelin, Stephen Ridley, Robert Curtis and Ernest Moegelin. Also present were Troop Committeemen Oscar Ridley, Walter Smith, and Richard Miller.

Daniel Moegelin passed his Tenderfoot Requirements and many others passed Candidate requirements.

Troop Committee, Troop 56

The newly formed Troop 56 in the congregational church has an imposing list of Committee Members.

Chmn. Lawrence Foster, Thurston Ave. Treas. Roland Deming, Federal St. Sec. A. Alexander Fairweather, Liberty Street, Advancement Chmn Tom Marsh, Glen Road, Advancement Harry Moore, Westdale Ave., Fred Chisholm, & Lawrence Frost, Church St.

Camping & Activities Chmn Paul Washburn, others Fred Kleynen Sr & Corydon Coombs, Special Events Chmn E. Hayward Bliss, others Kenneth Kelly, Hal. Helwig, James Fairweather, Basil Wetherbee, William Traier, and James Luke.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

Frank H Crimmings to Frank H Crimmings and wife, Linda Road

Palmira Horne to Wilfred Parker and wife, Bradshaw Plan.

Richard E Justice and wife to Harold L Carver and wife Chestnut Street.

Paul A LeBlanc and wife to Henry J Mutter and wife, Chandler Road.

Arthur Le Sage and wife to George C Nelson and wife, Swain Road

Joseph A Miller by Admnx to Richard F Gearty and wife, Grove Avenue.

Lewis A Pratt and assoc. Trs to Vincent J DeVellis and wife, Boutwell St.

Emma A Sargent by Admn. to John A Lucci Jr and wife, Woburn Street.

James H Shannon to Michael J. Bielicki and wife Garden Avenue

Lyman C Stewart and wife to George Vokey and assoc Oakdale Road. (2 pcls)

Edith H Symmes to John H. Lucci Jr and wife, Woburn Street

Basil L Weatherbee and wife to John De Piano and wife, Middlesex Avenue.

William F Butt to Isaac Fox and wife, Woburn Street.

John Calandrello and wife to Michael Auciello and wife, Fairmeadow Road.

Harold L Hillson to Arthur M Justice and wife Broad Av

Charles H Jeffries and wife to John W Parsons and wife Boutwell Street

Andrew F Keller and assoc. to Robert J Keller and assoc. Maplebrook Park.

James A MacDonald and wife to Thomas L Bailey Jr and wife, Park Street.

Anthony Signore Inc to John Breen and wife, Barbara Ave

William F Sullivan and wife to Bradford Parsons and wife, North Street.

Under Land Registration Act Lawrence J Gatto and wife to John R Harvey and wife, Jones Avenue.

Thomas L Conboy Jr and wife to Ralph Russo and wife, Main Street.

SCOUT LEADERSHIP COURSE FINISHED

Last Tuesday morning, beginning at 9:30 a.m., the last session of the basic



PART OF THE CROWD OF 150 PERSONS AT LEGION HALL LAST SATURDAY

ATTENDING A DINNER IN AID OF RETARDED CHILDREN

L to R James O'Keefe, vocalist; Mrs Jean Harrington, Ray Harrington, Mrs Shirley Riley, Mrs. Charles Ellsworth, Mrs. Eleanor O'Keefe, Mrs. Helen Harrington, Kenneth MacKenzie, Ed Harrington, Mrs Jean Moore, holding hand of pianist, Jimmy Breen and Mrs. Joan Bradley.

group leadership course for the new Scout Leaders was held at the library. Sixteen new leaders, mentioned last week in this paper, plus other leaders who have received their pins in a formal ceremony, had their investiture which was conducted by Mrs. Claude W. Helwig and Mrs. Howard Comey who have been their trainers for the past fifteen hours of study accumulated during the past three weeks.

ST. DOROTHY'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Annual Christmas Party of St. Dorothy's parish will be held in St. Dorothy's Hall at 8 p.m., Dec. 18th (Sunday Evening). Parishioners are asked to please bring a 50 cent exchange gift.

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

Choir rehearsal Thursday at 8 p.m.

Junior High basketball, Friday at 7 p.m.

The Couples Club will serve a supper to the children of the Tewksbury Hospital on Saturday at 6:30 p.m. Members of the Club are invited to look in on the party at 7:30 and remain for their own Christmas party.

The regular morning program will be observed next Sunday, Dec. 18th. At 5 p.m. the fifth annual Christmas Candle lighting service will be held in the Sanctuary, to which the people of the parish and their friends are invited. Following the service the Fireside Fellowship will meet for the lighting of their own candle, with story by Mrs. Cummings.

WILMINGTON SQUARE ACCIDENT

An accident, in Wilmington Square, at 2:40 pm Dec 10th resulted in property damage only according to the Wilmington Police. Sidney D Witten, 35 Wesmer Road, Malden, in a Dodge sedan, was one of the parties involved and the other was Kenneth A Nutt, Dewey Ave. Wilmington. Nutt was driving a truck, property of the Wilmington Grain & Building Supply Co.

ST. DOROTHY'S CHURCH

Wilmington--So. Tewksbury Rev. Joseph S. Leahy, Pastor

Sunday Masses at Silver Lake at 8:45 and 10:45 a.m. At St. Mary's at 7:00, 8:30, 10:00 and 11:15 a.m. Miraculous Medal Novena on Monday at 7:45 p.m.

Religious Instruction Classes for Children at 9:30 a.m. Saturdays, in St. Mary's Hall and St. Dorothy's Hall.

Confessions: At Silver Lake Saturday afternoon at 3:30. At St. Mary's at 4:15 and 7:30. Thursdays before First Friday 7:30 p.m. Eves of Holy Days 7:30.

PLEDGE OF THE LEGION OF DECENCY

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

I condemn indecent and immoral pictures, and those which glorify crime or criminals.

I promise to do all that I can to strengthen public opinion against the production of indecent and immoral films, and to unite with all who protest against them.

I acknowledge my obligation to form a right conscience about pictures that are dangerous to my moral life. As a member of the Legion of Decency, I pledge myself to remain away from them. I promise, further, to stay away altogether from places of amusement which show them as a matter of policy.

PRACTICAL ARTS SCHOOL TO CLOSE FOR VACATION

The Evening Practical Arts School, of the Wilmington Public Schools, will close on Dec. 15th, for the Christmas Holidays, and re-open on January 3rd.

YOUNG REPUBLICANS TO MEET TONIGHT

The newly formed Young Republican Club will meet tonight, at 99 Church St. at 8 p.m. There will be election of Officers. An invitation has been extended to all interested parties by Gilbert Wozney Temporary Chairman of the Club.

BE BORN IN US TODAY" SERMON TOPIC AT METHODIST CHURCH

Based on a line from the immortal 'O Little Town of Bethlehem' by Phillips Brooks, the Rev. Richard E. Harding will preach on the theme: 'Be Born in Us Today' at the Wilmington Methodist Church, Sunday, December 18 at the 9:15 and 11 am worship services.

Miss Yolandi Moe and the Junior Choir under the leadership of Mrs. Robert Clark will bring special Christmas music at the 9:25 service. The Senior Choir will sing three Christmas Anthems at the 11 am worship hour, 'Now is Born the Child Divine' an old French carol; a Bohemian Carol, 'Hearken Ye Shepherds' and 'Jesus, Name All names Above.' These anthems will be sung under the direction of Mrs. W. T. Staveley, choir director and organist.

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COMING EVENTS

(Please call OL 8-2973 to list events in this column. No calls accepted after Monday Noon for listing.)

THURSDAY Dec 15

- 1:30 Women's Club Coffee Hour
- 2:00 Women's Club Business Meeting
- 8:00 Whist Party and Penny Sale at St. Dorothy's Hall

SATURDAY Dec 17

- Middlesex Essex Pomona Grange
- 6:30 Football Banquet at High Schpol Gym
- 8:00 Dancing at High Sch Gym
- 7:00 Pack 56 Xmas Party at Swain Schl Brownies of No. Wilm. guests.
- 7:00 Turkey Dinner and Pty for children of the Tewksbury Hospital
- 8:00 Beta Chi Xmas Party at East Wil. Bet.

SUNDAY Dec 18

- 3:00 Xmas Party for Pre-School and first three grades in ME Church
- 3:30 Xmas Party at Grange Hall-Santa Claus and Gifts
- 4:00 Girl Scouts sing on Common
- 5:00 Candle Light Service at Cong. Church
- 6:00 Lighting the Fellowship Candle.

Monday Dec 19

- 2:30 Girl Scouts at Lib.
- 3:15 Brownies at WW Sch
- 3:15 Girl Scouts at WW Sch.
- 3:30 Brownies at Mrs. Anderson's
- 3:30 Hobby Club
- 3:30 Girl Scouts at Mrs. Hancock's
- 3:30 Girl Scouts at ME Church
- 3:45 Girl Scouts at Mrs. Sawyer's
- 7:00 Senior High Cong. Basketball.
- 8:00 ME Church Meeting to vote preliminary drawings of new church bldg.
- 8:00 Whitefield Mother's Club Xmas Party

Tuesday Dec 20

- 3:00 Girl Scouts at Cong. Church
- 3:15 Girl Scouts at Mrs. Arnold Blake's
- 3:15 Girl Scouts at Mrs. Mabel Butt's.
- 3:15 Girl Scouts at Mrs. Shirley Lyons
- 3:30 Brownies at ME Church
- 3:30 ME Junior Choir Rehearsal
- 8:00 Xmas Party for Circle at Mrs. Minot Anderson

Wednesday Dec 21

- 1:00 Meeting of the Center Branch
- 3:15 Brownies at Mrs. O'Hare's
- 7:00 Troop 56 at Cong. Church
- 8:00 Circle 4 Xmas Pty. at Mrs. William Irwin's
- 8:00 Grange Meeting and Xmas Program

Thursday Dec 22

- 7:00 P of H Meeting & Xmas Pty at Margaret Callan's
- 7:30 Rainbow Girls Meeting and Xmas Party.

Friday Dec 23

- 8:00 Jr. Class Dance at High School

Saturday Dec 24

- 7:00 Outdoor Caroling by Cong. Young People
- 11:30 Midnight Xmas Eve Service to Cong. Church

Wednesday Jan 4

- 8:00 Wilmington Grange Hall Corp. Annual Meeting H Election of Officers.

Wednesday Jan 11

- 8:00 Regular Grange Meeting.

CHURCH SCHOOL PARTIES AT METHODIST CHURCH

William Russell, general superintendent of the Wilmington Methodist Church School has announced that plans have been made for the annual Christmas parties at the church. All children of pre-school age through the third grade will have their party at the church Sunday afternoon, December 18 at 3pm. Parents are cordially invited to share in the festivities with their children.

All children of the fourth, fifth and sixth grades, will have their party at the Church on Thursday evening, December 22 at 7:30 pm. Parents are also invited to come with their children and remain for the program.

Members of the Youth Division, Junior and Senior High School Groups, will go Christmas Caroling on Friday, December 23 at 7pm. and return to the church at 8:30 for their annual Christmas parth, and thd older youth group, college age, all young people out of high school, and servicemen home for the holidays, will have their party on Wednesday evening, December 21 at 8 pm.

The Adult Fellowship for all adults of the Church will have their party on Saturday evening, Dec. 19 beginning at 8pm. The movie 'The Christmas Star' will be shown, and each person coming has been asked to bring a small gift of not more than .50¢ value to be shared amongst the members of the group. Adults having any questions concerning the program are asked to call Mrs Abbie Lyle, 8-3343. The children of the church school and members of the church are grateful to Mayor George Spanos for the lovely Christmas Tree he gave to the church for the Christmas season.

HUSBAND AND WIFE BOTH IN HOSPITAL

Friends of Mr. and Mrs. William P Taylor of Chestnut Street will be unhappy to learn that they were admitted last Friday to the Deaconess Hospital in Boston. There is an unusual and happy side to the picture however. They have been allowed to be patients in the same room together.



ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence J. Peters of 623 Woburn Street announce the engagement of their daughter, Judith Louise, to Mr. Leon Herbert Backman, Airman 3rd Class, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl A. Backman of 15

Chestnut Street. Miss Peters graduated from Wilmington High School last June and is currently employed by the National Polychemicals, Inc. Her fiance graduated from Wilmington High in the year 1954 and then enlisted in the Air Force. He is now stationed in Anchorage, Alaska. No specific date has been set for the wedding

Wedding...

CHAPMAN AND DETATO

On Friday evening, at 9:00 December 2nd at the Methodist Church, Miss Jean Frances Chapman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl E. Chapman of 17 Dreeme Street, Saugus was united in marriage to Mr. Karl Allan Detato son of the late Mr. August Detato and Mrs. Lillian Detato of 179 Burlington Avenue. The Reverend Richard Harding officiated at the ceremony.

The bride wore a white brocade street length gown and her maid of honor, a good friend, Miss Alice E. Lee of 11 Endicott Street, Saugus, wore a blue faille street length gown and matching hat.

The groom's best man was the bride's brother, Mr. Laurence G. Chapman.

The new Mrs. Detato graduated from Saugus High School in 1954 and is employed by the General Electric Company in Lynn. Her husband graduated from Wilmington High School in 1952 and is currently employed by the DeMatteo Construction Company.

After their wedding, the young couple traveled by car through Massachusetts and into the state of New York. They are now making their home at 179 Burlington Avenue.

POST OFFICES TO BE OPEN ALL DAY SATURDAY

Both the North Wilmington and the Wilmington Post-offices will be open all day Saturday Dec. 17th and Dec. 24th, according to announcements by Postmasters Roseanna Babine and Henry J. Porter.

WALPOLE WOODWORKERS

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pany employs about 125 people the year around, with 25 to 50 additional workers during the busy season. It is the largest cedar fence business in New England. About 6 persons will be employed in the Wilmington branch.

The officers of the company are Philip Metcalf President, David E. Ogilvie Vice President, and Arthur Clapp, Treasurer and Clerk.

Births...

FITCH, David Earl, to Mr. and Mrs Raymond Fitch Wilmington Road, Burlington, in Winchester Hospital, Nov 11.

FISH, Robert Arthur, to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur C. Fish, Glen Road, in Winchester Hospital, Nov. 14. Grandparents are Mrs. Howare Fish of California and James McManus, 8 Central Street, Wilmington.

CLOGSTON, Elizabeth Scott, to Mr and Mrs Samuel Clogston, 5 Adams Street, in St Johns Hospital, Nov. 18.

HAMILTON, Robert David, to Mr and Mrs John R. Hamilton 2 Jones Avenue, in St Johns Hospital, Nov. 24th

EVANS, Charles Harold, to Mr and Mrs J. Robert Evans, Ballardvale Street, in Winchester Hospital, Dec. 8th.

COE, Robert Edgar Jr (second child) to Mr and Mrs Robert E Coe, 21 Glen Road, in Winchester Hospital, Dec uth. Grandparents are Mrs. Frank Prulella, 21 Glen Rd and Mrs. Roderick Studdard of Cambridge.

GUSTUS, Stephen (Third son) to Mr and Mrs Walter J Gustus, Brand Avenue, in St. Johns Hospital, Dec. 7th.

RICE, Louann to Mr. and Mrs. Burton Rice, Longview Road, in St. John's Hospital, Dec. 10.

CHERNOFF, Michael Allen, to Dr. and Mrs Erwin Chernoff, Middlesex Avenue, in Winchester Hospital Dec 11th. Grandparents are Mr and Mrs Jack Brodie of Newton, and Mrs. Florence Chernoff of Newton.

LARIVEE APPOINTED CIVIL DEFENSE DIRECTOR

Rene Larivee, Concord St. has been appointed director of Civil defense, for Wilmington, Town Manager Joseph Courtney has announced.

Larivee has been the Chief Ground Observer of the Ground Observer Corps for the past two years, and a resident of Wilmington for seven years. He is employed as a technician at the Lynn GE plant, and has a son who is an officer in the US Air Force.

JAMES RONAN TO HEAD GROUND OBSERVER CORPS.

James F Ronan, 18 Strout Avenue, has been appointed Chief Observer of the Ground Observer Corps, by TM Joseph Courtney.

Ronan, a steamfitter by profession, has been a member of the Corps for nearly two years. He will head an organization of people from Wilmington Tewksbury, North Reading and Reading.

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ARMOUR

SMOKED SHOULDERS 33¢ LB

LEAN SHORT SHANK

LEAN ALL BEEF 59¢ LB

HAMBURGER

ALWAYS GROUND FRESH

INSTANT

MAXWELL HOUSE 1.39 6 Oz Jar

SUPER TASTE

ICE CREAM 98¢ ½ GAL.

MINUTE MAN

INSTANT FROSTING

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1.19

50 LB. BAG

FOR Christmas

STRETCH NYLONS 99¢ PAIR

Usually \$1.29

Christmas

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MATCHLESS FILLINGS

CHERRY 49¢

23 Oz JAR

MINCED MEAT 35¢

20 Oz JAR

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FIG FILLING 37¢

20 Oz JAR

SNOW CROP

ORANGE JUICE 2 cans 39¢

FRENCH FRIED POTATOES 2/35¢

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